

NEWS OF THE DAY

Secretary of War Baker, in his weekly review, says there is nothing except German boasts to indicate that the initiative in the West has passed from the entente to the Teuton. For two years, Secretary Baker says, the Germans have been on the defensive on the West front. For six months the allies have been on the offensive on all fronts. The Germans have secured the initiative only in the Eastern and Italian theaters of war. Eleven to fifteen miners are known to have been killed Saturday night by an explosion in the mine of the Yukon-Pocahontas Coal Company, at Susanna, twenty miles west of Bluefield, W. Va., in McDowell county. The bodies of eleven men have been taken from the mine, and exploring parties are searching for other possible explosion victims. The cause of the explosion has not been determined. The mine is located along what is known as the Dry Fork branch of the Norfolk and Western railroad. The explosion is the first to occur in that section of the Pocahontas coal field in a number of years.

As the consequence of a four-hour revolver fight starting at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, between 125 policemen and a score of drunken negroes, who barricaded themselves in "William Baby Doll," Thomas' cabaret and gambling house in Bridgeport, Conn., crowded with merry-making white girls, white men, negroes and negroes, six persons were shot, two suffering fatal injuries, and 123 prisoners were taken. The besieged building was wrecked, the fire department was called out to assist the police, and hundreds of curious spectators struggled with the reserves to get within the danger zone, better to view the battle.

Gaston B. Means was by his first side in Concord, N. C., playing with his 1-year-old baby yesterday. As church bells summoned worshippers Means walked out into the Sabbath day, freed of the charge of murdering Mrs. Maude A. King.

The Maryland pilotboat Pilot while caught in a submarine guard net off an Atlantic port, was rammed and sunk by the steamer Berkshire, of the Merchant and Miners Transportation Company. No lives were lost. The Berkshire was only slightly damaged.

The Rev. John Edgecombe, 86 years old, for 25 years rector of Christ Episcopal Church at Cranford, N. J., died of heart disease in his pulpit yesterday morning as he was appealing to the congregation for aid to the parish poor. He fell to the floor just as he had pronounced the words, "Remember the little children." Death came as the clergyman had often said he wished—while he was "in harness." Two disasters in widely separated parts of Germany are reported in Zurich dispatches. An explosion occurred in the Zeppelin works at Friedrichshafen, and resulted in the death or injury of many. The second explosion occurred near Kiel, destroying a factory where bombs were prepared for Zeppelins and airplanes. Many of the employees in this plant were killed.

The United States government through Ambassador Fletcher has made formal denial to the Mexican foreign office of current reports that America proposes to intervene in Tampico. Mexico has been formally assured that America has no intention whatever to interfere in Mexico's internal affairs.

FIRE IN NORFOLK.

Officials Suspect Incendiary—U. S. Custom House Threatened.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 17.—The plant of the British-American Tobacco Company, composed of two six-story buildings, on Water street, was wiped out by fire early yesterday evening. The loss will be at least \$500,000.

The fire originated on the second floor of the new building, facing Water street, and quickly spread to the old structure in the rear. The new building was completely gutted. An immense stock of tobacco and several floors of cigarette machinery were destroyed.

Several explosions of bay rum early after the discovery of the fire caused the flames to spread rapidly. At one time it looked as if the United States custom house would go, and a guard of marines was thrown about the structure by request of officials.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. Fire department officials declare it was probably the work of an incendiary. The entire plant was used for the manufacture of cigarettes for exportation to England and France. Three hundred and fifty persons will be thrown out of employment.

Die of Exposure.

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 17.—Six of the crew of eleven rescued by a French liner from the British schooner Inga Wednesday off the New England coast, died before the liner reached port here Saturday. Death resulted from exposure. The schooner was in a sinking condition when the men were rescued. The liner attempted to save the vessel by towing her to port, but the hawsers snapped and she had to be abandoned.

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